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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Housing Survey

THE University announcement on Saturday that it planned a housing survey in the Colony's urban areas appears to be much more than an academic excursion for undergraduates on vacation. Mr. E. F. Szepepanik of the Department of Economics, in his address to Kaifong representatives said:

"The statistical results of our work will be of great importance for the formulation of a programme of action which undoubtedly will be of great benefit to all inhabitants of the Colony. Instead of planning in darkness, our analysis will permit conscious planning; based on objective data, for the purpose of satisfying in a better way the pressing needs of housing in Hong Kong."

The University announcement states that the survey has the full co-operation of Government—but it would be interesting to know whether Government requested this investigation, or whether the idea was conceived by the Economics Department. The difference is not important except in the origin of the idea, may be found the real purpose.

FROM Mr. Szepepanik's statement it would seem that a "programme of action" will be the next stage following publication of the survey results, but it is doubtful whether he means Hong Kong, to envisage a Government-sponsored five or ten-year plan evolving in the near future. Obviously what the survey will do, however, will be to indicate the Colony's real needs and to suggest priorities.

One wonders whether a housing survey alone will be sufficient. Population, wages, employment are other factors that need to be known. The difference between aspirations—in terms of what one would like if one had the money—and realities needs to be stressed and it is hard to see how this can be done if individual earning capacities are ignored.

In the past the Colony has been apt to discuss the housing problem in far too general terms—because of its vastness and complexity it could not be easily underestimated. But the difference between a tenement being "seriously overcrowded" and that same overcrowding precisely defined is that the Colony will be able to evaluate existing needs in terms of figures instead of sweeping superlatives.

Of instance, as a result of a detailed survey, Government was able to decide how resettlement of squatters should be tackled. It knows that about 40 per cent have now been housed and that something like \$200 million more has to be spent on accommodating the remainder in slum structures.

But beyond the squatter class and its own employees, Government—and no one else in this Colony for that matter—has any real idea either of the extent of rehousing necessary any in the next 20 years, or of the numbers that would be affected. In general terms it is a big problem—but not even a fairly accurate estimate is available.

If the survey is able to sort out people and relate them to housing needs, Hong Kong will have a clearer idea of its housing objectives even if no immediate plans or guiding policy are in prospect. And for this reason alone the project deserves welcome.

AUSTRALIA'S STAND ON TRADE

McEwen Says At Kai Tak

'We're Not Going To Ease China Embargo Yet'

Australia had decided not to widen her trade with Communist China at present, the Rt. Hon. John McEwen, Australian Minister for Trade said this morning.

Mr McEwen, accompanied by the Deputy Secretary of the Australian Department of Trade, Dr W. A. Westerman, flew in by Pan American Airways from Bangkok en route to Tokyo to sign a trade agreement between Japan and Australia.

They will remain in Hong Kong for three days.

At a press conference following his arrival, Mr McEwen said that the signing of the pact would take place in the next few days, and they would remain in Tokyo until July 11.

SAME FOOTING

Mr McEwen said that the signing of the pact would place Japan on the same footing as other foreign countries. In other words, he continued, Japan would be in the same category as other competing countries trading with Australia.

It would also stabilise Australia's trade relations with Japan, he added.

Asked about Australia's position with regard to her present trade with China, Mr McEwen replied, "We trade with Communist China, except in 'strategic goods'."

He went on to say that Australia was quite conscious of the value of additional trade, but they had not decided yet on widening their trade with China.

OUR OWN POLICY

Would Australia follow Britain's lead in relaxing her trade embargo with China?

"We will make our own policy in due course. Australia has its own independent policies and doesn't follow the policies of other countries."

Speaking about the trade agreement with Japan, Mr McEwen said that it was for a term of three years and either side would have to give three months' notice before terminating the agreement.

At the Airport to meet Mr McEwen were Mr R. White, ADC to the Governor, Mr H. A. Angus, Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr K. T. Ridley, Australian Trade Commissioner, and Mr S. S. Knowles, Hong Kong Government Press Officer.

HOT WEATHER FORECAST FOR HOLIDAY

Today's forecast is: Moderate east to south-east winds. Fair and hot. A tropical depression is reported off the east coast of Luzon moving north-west at about 7 knots, according to Reuter.

Off For A Swim

Thousands of Hong Kong people this morning made a rendezvous with the beaches as warm sunshine and a moderate east wind fanned the Colony's shorelines.

On the Colony's last holiday, Monday, the beaches were not very crowded because of the chilly cool weather. Then the water was reported cold and the breeze fresh.

Just with the forecast for the weekend all day, cars began heading for the Colony's outdoor beaches in the New Territories and Kowloon from an early hour.



Hunger Strike Now In Sixth Day

London, June 30. Alfred Hinds, Britain's irrepressible gaoi breaker, today entered the sixth day of a hunger strike in Pentonville Prison, where he was taken on Monday after another of his dramatic escape bids.

A Home Office spokesman said Hinds will be forcibly fed if necessary.

Hinds first escaped from Nottingham Gaol in November, 1935, and was at liberty for 249 days, a British record.

LETTERS

He was picked up in Ireland. During his break, he wrote a stream of letters to press and Parliament protesting his innocence. He is serving a 12-year sentence for a 238 robbery.

On Monday, he escaped from London's law courts and made a dash for Dublin-bound plane. But he was spotted and caught before the plane took off.—China Mail Special.

Challenge To Cut Off Cockerel's Head

Kuala Lumpur, July 1. A Chinese millionaire businessman suing a tin mine company for \$4100,000 for alleged breach of agreement was challenged in court to cut off a cockerel's head in a temple to swear the truth of his claim.

Mr Kok Hoong is suing Leong Cheung Kwong Mines Ltd. for rental of mining engines and accessories. The defendant's counsel claimed, however, that the agreement was a "mask" to hide the fact that Kok Hoong had lost various sums of money to the firm and wanted to sue on them. The counsel, Mr David Brindley, told the court that his client was prepared to agree to liability if the claimant would decapitate a cockerel in a Chinese temple to swear to the truth of his claim. Counsel for the claimant, Mr. R. H. V. Rinkool, agreed to communicate the challenge to his client and the judge consented to postpone the hearing until a decision was reached on this oath-taking ceremony.

Up Goes Hongkong's IGY Balloon

Hongkong meteorologists let off their first official International Geophysical Year weather balloon this morning.

The last few days they have been sending up trial balloons in addition to their daily releases (two to test wind direction and one attached with radio sound equipment).

But this morning's was the first sent up in connection with the Royal Observatory's International Geophysical Year project, a spokesman said. It went up soon after 9 a.m. Last night's trial balloon—which measured about 6 feet in diameter—was last recorded at an altitude of 41,952 feet.

HUMIDITY READING

The Observatory received temperature and pressure readings up to that height and humidity readings up to 30,000 feet.

The balloons which give wind direction are sent up at 3 a.m. and 3 p.m. and are simply tracked by radar equipment to give wind direction.

The radio sonde balloons are released at about 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Hongkong summer time. These send back temperature, pressure and humidity readings at various heights.

SCIENTISTS BEGIN TO PROBE BIG SOLAR EXPLOSION

New York, June 30.

Effects of a major explosion on the sun, interrupting radio communications and causing electrical storms, were being felt today.

[The sunspots were reported in Hongkong in the China Mail on Friday.]

Dr A. H. Shipley, Vice-Chairman of the International Geophysical Year committee in Washington, told reporters "the universe itself" co-operated in the opening of the Geophysical Year.

Dr Shipley said sun particles and radiation were creating magnetic storms high in the earth's atmosphere.

KNOCK OUT

Electrical tempests started early today, violently racking the magnetic fields stretching out to 10,000 miles above the earth.

Radio blackouts, the usual by-product of severe sunspots, were already knocking out trans-Atlantic communications.

At about 2,000 observation stations giving the earth scientists were alerted from Moscow, where the sunstorm was first noted, to begin their observations.

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NOW SINGAPORE SCHOOL TEACHERS STRIKE

Singapore, July 1.

The 2,500 strong Singapore Teachers Union has decided to strike.

The union's decision came tonight a few hours after the Government Workers' Union called a lightning strike by 400 Customs Revenue officers to start today.

The ruling Labour Front, which lost a seat in a by-election on Saturday, is now faced with one of the worst waves of industrial unrest in years.

The Teachers' Union has called the strike over its claim for a unified salary scale for normal trained teachers.

Two-Thirds Majority

Mr Goh Kong Beng, the union President, said more than two-thirds voted for strike action.

The union's management committee will decide on Thursday when to begin the strike.

There is currently a strike in two Chinese bus companies, a "go-slow" and threatened strike by employees of the Singapore Telephone Board and a "go-slow" by a group of dock labourers.—Reuter.

CHINESE ESCAPEE SURRENDERS

Manila, July 1.

A Chinese immigration detainee decided on Sunday that it was "better" to live behind bars than be a target for Police guns.

To Ban Chuan, 30, calmly walked to the office of the Manila City Gaol warden, on Sunday morning and gave himself up 24 hours after a daring escape from confinement.

Chuan, another Chinese detainee—Pangilo Chua, 24, alias Tenorio Chua, and Francisco Chan Dy, 20—and three Filipinos escaped from the City Gaol last Saturday, scaling the prison walls with a ladder fashioned out of pieces of timber lying around.

FEAR

The police identified the Filipinos as Benjamin Macalagal, 24, convicted killer, Ernesto Salasanta, 24, homicide suspect, and Eliseo Izon, 32, notorious hold-up man. Following the escape, the Manila police chief, Colonel Telesforo Tenorio, issued shoot-to-kill orders.

Chuan told the warden that fear of being shot by police officers prompted him to surrender.

He said he had read in the papers the shoot-to-kill orders. The police were still combing the city for the other five escaped men.—United Press.

And A Man-Made Quake

Tokyo, June 30.

Japanese scientists this August will create an earthquake which will "rock" the immediate neighbourhood and send a shock wave to observers up to 250 miles away.

The scientists will explode one ton of dynamite 80 feet under ground at an artificial earthquake test site in Iwashi Prefecture, Eastern Japan.

The test will be held shortly after midnight early in August, the committee's announcement said. Professor Takao Matsuura, of Tokyo University's Science Department, assisted by 15 other scientists, will be in charge of the experiment.—Reuter.

US NAVY FREIGHTER ON FIRE

Tokyo, June 30.

The Japanese coast guard said today the 6,111-ton United States Naval freighter, Natuka, was on fire outside of Yokohama port, near Tokyo.

The board said the fire began in a cargo of raw cotton in the ship's forward hold. Three fire boats of the Japanese Coast Guard and United States navy were fighting the fire.

The fire broke out early this morning when the ship arrived at the port from San Francisco.—Reuter.

Capital For West Indies

London, June 30.

The Colonial Office announced today talks would open in London on July 1 between British and West Indies leaders on the choice of a site for the capital of the projected British West Indies Federation.

After the talks, discussions would be held between the British and American Governments on the problem, since West Indies leaders had expressed the wish to start the possibility of a federation under the United States under the "Lend-Lease" agreement of 1941.—France Press.

Hussein's Car Overturns

Amman, June 30. A car driven by King Hussein of Jordan, overturned today when the King swerved across the road to avoid hitting a child, but Hussein escaped injury.

Hussein was driving his private car from Zahrah Palace to Basma Palace when a child ran into the road.

The King swung the car to the left, where it overturned on the pavement.—France-Press.

Adenauer Backs Open Skies Plan

Dortmund, June 30.

The West German Chancellor Dr Konrad Adenauer today announced West German approval for American disarmament proposals, including "open skies" inspection over Germany.

He told a cheering crowd of 30,000 Christian Democratic Party supporters he had been shown the U.S. proposals by the US Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles and had agreed to them "in the fullest measure."

He announced the Bonn Government's stand at a rally opening the party's campaign for the Sept. 15 general elections.

Victory for the party would give Dr Adenauer his third term as Chancellor, a post he has held since the formation of the Bonn Republic in 1949.

THE LAST

West Germany was the last of the Nato powers to renounce its views on the aerial inspection programme proposed to enforce any disarmament agreement between West and East.

The American proposals to the London disarmament conference earlier spurred angry words in West Germany. There were accusations that the United States was ready to abandon the goal of German reunification in order to achieve an agreement on arms with Russia.

Dr Adenauer indicated the rift was bridged today with words of strong support for the U.S. proposals and by barely touching on the vital election issue of reunification.

He said West Germany proposed a new four-power conference to seek a way to end the division of the country. But it was not pushing for new summit talks until the final stage of disarmament negotiations are over.—United Press.



DR ADAMS

Eastbourne, June 30. Dr John Bodkin Adams, acquitted in April on a charge of murdering one of his elderly women patients, has withdrawn from the National Health Service, it was learned today.

This does not necessarily mean, that Dr Adams is giving up practice altogether—he may still attend to private patients.—China Mail Special.

Knocked Out Four Teeth

Ipoth, July 1.

A pretty 31-year-old Chinese wife, Cheah Keen-an, admitted to the magistrate that she knocked out four teeth of another woman when the latter accused her of robbing her husband.

The complainant, Yeng Sooh-jah, told the court that she was ill in her room and implored her husband not to leave home on May 27 when Cheah entered the room and hit her on her mouth with an enamel mug knocking out four of her teeth. The magistrate fined Cheah \$25.00 and told her that she should not take the law into her own hands.—United Press.


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LOUISIANA LIKE A BATTLEFIELD

Hurricane Leaves 150 Dead 200 Missing

Lake Charles, La., June 30

The homeless survivors of hurricane Audrey turned today toward the huge and pressing job of burying their dead. Many will have to be interred in nameless graves.

The Civil Defence said 150 bodies had been found. Some 200 or more persons still were reported missing and 25,000 to 30,000 still were homeless.

President Eisenhower said in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, that his personal representative, Val Peterson, who was on the scene, told him that at least 200 persons had been killed and the death toll might rise to 500.

Volunteers

Officials sent an emergency call to New Orleans for shrouds in which to bury the dead. Carpenters were asked to volunteer for coffin making. Tetanus, typhoid and gangrene serum also was flown in from New Orleans.

"Have you ever counted the dead on a battlefield," Maj. Gen. Raymond Hufft, Louisiana's adjutant general and Civil Defence director, asked at New Orleans, "southwest Louisiana somewhat resembles a battlefield."

"We cannot give specific figures of the dead at this time, they wouldn't be accurate if we did."

"Right now, the number of dead, we believe, is just under 300."

President Eisenhower said rescue operations were "virtually complete."

Reconstruction

But towns like Cameron, Grand Chenier, Little Chenier, Holly Beach, and Johnson Bayou, below Lake Charles on the Gulf of Mexico, which were inundated by a nine-foot tidal wave cast up by the hurricane, faced a massive reconstruction job.

Fatal scenes were reported such as a dead mother who had tied three children to her body with a rope in a vain effort to save them.

Most of the bodies being recovered were hung on debris electric wires. More than 600 volunteers, helped by bulldozers, cleared the debris from the streets of Cameron, a town of 3,000 residents.

Workers were burying, or burning thousands of cattle which were drowned and were exploding in the hot sun.

Mass Burial

Coroner Harry Slatoff of Calcasieu Parish (Lake Charles) called off a mass burial of 30 unidentified victims. He said he wanted to delay the burial as long as possible in the hope that some may be identified.

But many bodies were beyond facial identification. Survivors with missing relatives were asked to look at watches, jewellery and pocketbooks to determine whether their missing were among the dead.—United Press.

PAYING DIVIDENDS

London, June 30

The tabloid Daily Sketch day reported that a man arrested at Carlisle breaking into a store told the judge: "I was drunk. I had lost my money-in-law and I was celebrating. I was expecting some insurance from her because I had her insured eight times."

The man's name was not given.—United Press.

POLAND DROWNED IN ALCOHOL

Warsaw, June 30

Drunkness in Poland is assuming frightening proportions, the Police press agency says tonight.

The country was being drowned in alcohol. The consumption of 100 per cent alcohol, the agency added, had gone up from 20,000,000 litres in 1954 to 25,000,000 in 1955.—United Press.

FINE ON THE SERPENTINE



The scene last week on the banks of the Serpentine in London's Hyde Park, as you may suspect from the picture, was a very hot day, not only in London but all over Britain. And at some places along the banks of the Serpentine you couldn't see the water—until you were in it.—Express Photo.

AND PEOPLE DID NOT BELIEVE IT COULD BE THAT BAD

Here is an eye-witness account by a Louisiana rancher, of Hurricane Audrey and the accompanying tidal wave as it struck Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

By F. Y. DOLAN

Grand Chenier, June 30.

We got it because we didn't believe it could be that bad.

I've lived here through three hurricanes and some high water at times, but I've never seen anything like Hurricane Audrey.

We had evacuated most of the women and children the day before—just in case. But most of us just didn't believe we'd be in any trouble.

I left in the morning to milk my cows. Suddenly I could see the water coming—just out of the blue.

SOME WIND

Oh, there had been some wind, but it didn't seem particularly bad.

Lots of people here were drowned because the water came so fast they couldn't do anything about it.

It rose a foot every five minutes. It wasn't too long before the ridge—which is some six feet above sea level—was covered by water. Within 30 minutes it was over the ridge, and kept coming. Those of us in second-storey houses had the best chance.

First thing, the water was six feet up all around us, and the waves were lapping at the roof, some 10 feet higher.

We didn't have time to get to any central location. If we had, some of those who drowned would have been safe, for example, in my house.

INSTRUCTED

The Postmistress, Mrs. Leo Nunkes, called to ask me how bad I thought it was going to be. She said she had been instructed to hang the mail bag from the ceiling.

I laughed at her. I've been here for hurricanes in 18, two in 19, and some high water in 1940. But the water came this time and carried away not only the mail bag, but the whole Post Office.

We're only beginning to count the damage. I'll be more than 100,000,000. Why, I lost 370,000 myself.—United Press.

LEMMY CAUTION BEATS TAXMAN

London, June 30.

LEMMY CAUTION and Slim Callaghan beat the taxman last week.

The two detectives created by author Peter Cheyney are still earning money—six years after his death.

And a High Court judge decided that the royalties earned by Cheyney's books after his death are not liable to income tax.

The decision was heard by Mr. Henry Charles Bathurst, 63-year-old second son of Viscount Bledisloe. Mr. Bathurst married Cheyney's American widow, Mrs. Loretta Cheyney.

The crime writer, 55 when he died in June 1951, left £52,684 gross—£25,966 net. The bulk went to his widow. She died last April, aged 62.

CROWN APPEAL

Last week Mr. Bathurst (family motto: *Hold to thy faith*) said as he left the court: "Yes, I suppose it is good news for me."

The Income Tax Commissioners had ruled in favour of Cheyney's executor. The Crown appealed against the decision. The taxman put the receipts at £28,000 for 1951-52.

Mr. Justice Harman said the question was whether the payments were to be regarded as remuneration for the services of the author, or whether they arose from the exploitation of his copyright. In the first case it would be taxable, in the second it would not.

US JUDGE STARTS TOUR

Karachi, June 30. Globe-trotting US Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas arrived here today to start a 5,000-mile drive across the Middle East by station wagon.

Douglas and "my mechanic," Mrs. Douglas, were greeted by Pakistan officials and US Embassy officials at Lahore, Punjab.

Foreign officials here said they would try to dissuade the 55-year-old Douglas from starting the 750-mile drive to Lahore, India, because of the worst heat wave in 100 years.

Douglas plans to spend two days in Karachi, Pakistan, before heading for Delhi, India, and then to Calcutta, India. His stay will be highlighted by the Karachi Bar Association dinner tomorrow night.—United Press.

RUSSIAN AIR DAY OFF

Moscow, June 30.

The Soviet Union skipped its traditional Air Forces Day aerial show because of bad weather today but used the occasion to boast its air strength.

Authorities called off the air show, an annual Moscow highlight, because of month-long rain and a forecast for possible storms today. Fireworks, gun salutes and celebrations within Air Force units marked the anniversary.

Marshal Konstantin Vereshagin, chief of the Soviet Air Forces, said in a Pravda article that the Soviet Union "possesses long range aircraft able to fly for many thousands of kilometres any time at night and in any weather."

Vereshagin said Red planes "must fly faster, higher and farther than anybody's. We must technologically and economically keep ahead of capitalism."—United Press.

PARIS GOLD

Paris, June 29

The gold market was slightly lower in the past week with public interest diminishing.

Business was mainly in ingots, but price movements were generally fractional and without any outstanding movement.—China Mail Special.

KANSAS UNDER WATER

Kansas City, Miss., June 30.

A driving rain storm with winds up to 85 miles an hour slammed Missouri and Kansas and left two persons dead and a series of flooded creeks today.

Up to nine inches of rain poured down in the storm which struck during the night.

Missouri and Kansas State highway patrols reported numerous broken power lines and uprooted trees. Some roads have been closed as heavy rains sent creeks surging over their banks.

FLOOD STAGE

In Kansas City, Missouri, a two-inch rainfall sent the Big Blue Creek more than nine feet above flood stage. The creek blocked streets and roads and caused flooding in basements of some homes.

At Bonner Springs, Kansas, a suburb west of Kansas City, a 5½-inch downpour sent creeks out of their banks. The body of one man was recovered in a two-car collision during a blinding rain storm near Cameron, Missouri.

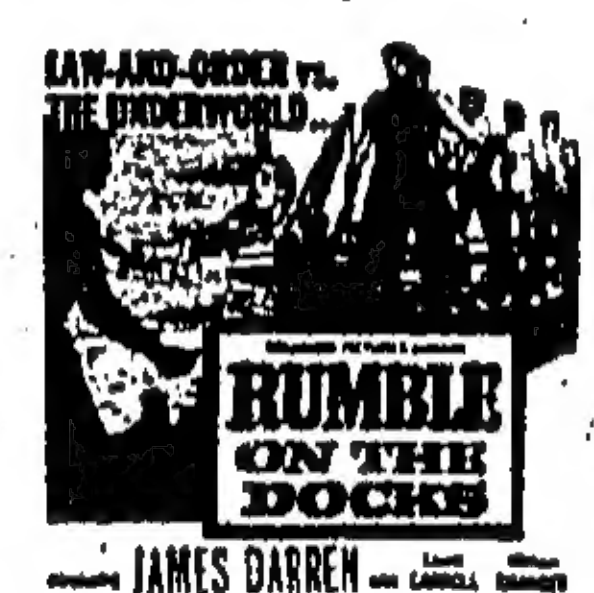
At Hermann, Missouri, a nine-inch downpour was reported.

Hays, Kansas, was hit by winds up to 85 miles an hour but no damage was reported.—United Press.

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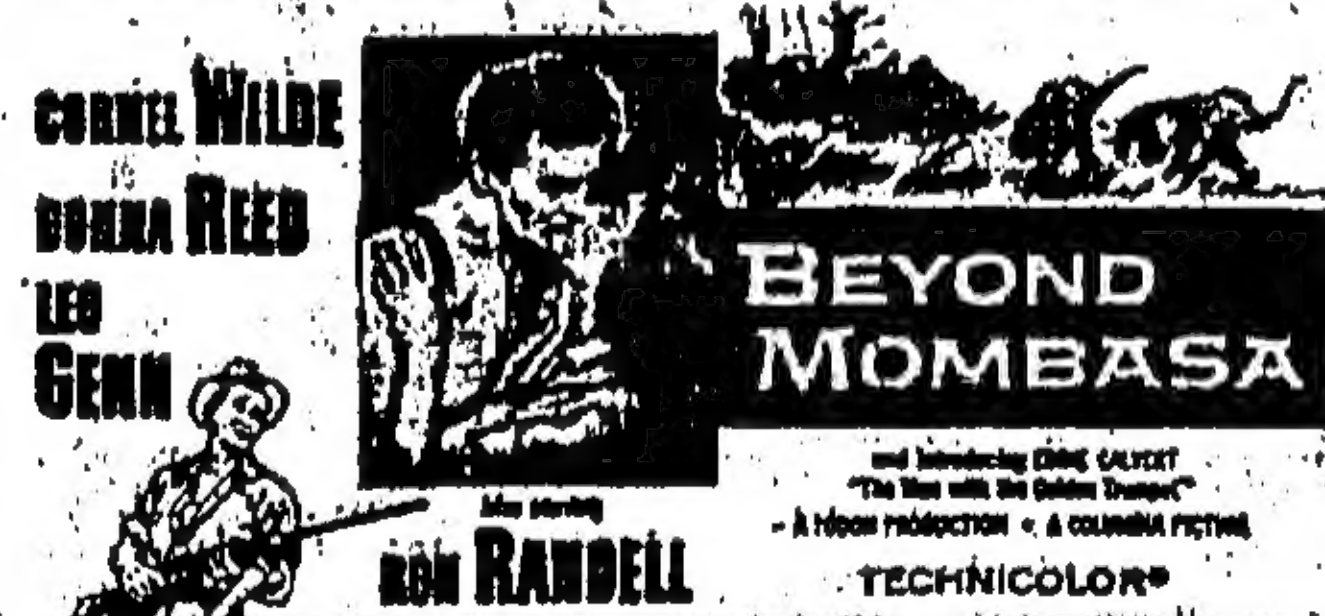
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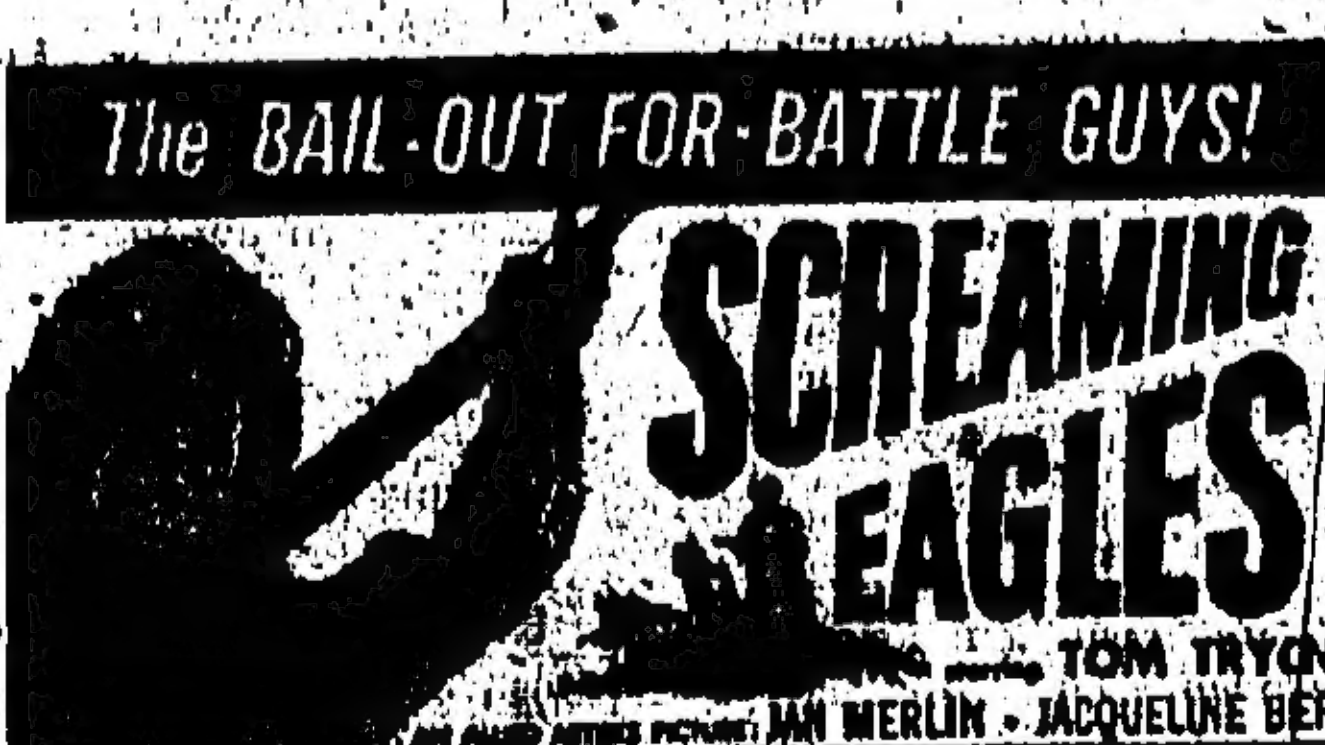
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A British try at mechanical co-operative farming in Africa

10,000 ACRES IN NIGERIA

F. O. Brice-Bennett

IN Africa Faith does not always bring Fortune, but in Nigeria a courageous British experiment is beginning to pay off.

The Sokoto river, a tributary of the Niger, flows through a vast valley which, after the rains, floods along some 250 miles of its course. These floods, which in places rise to a height of ten feet, create enormous marshlands covering about 350,000 acres and deposit a rich silt. The valley has for long attracted the attention of agriculturalists.

Rice Mission's Report

However, mainly because the rainfall was inadequate but also because the land quickly lost its fertility, it was found that much of the area was unsuitable for extensive cultivation of any crops other than rice.

Thousands of acres have been cultivated by the inhabitants for generations with a variety of rice which has adapted its growth to the deep floods and, since other crops do not prosper there, this now forms the staple diet of the people.

A rice mission visited the area in 1948 and reported favourably on the possibility of extending this cultivation. But irrigation engineers, having considered the problems involved in building a dam on the upper reaches of the river, reported that it would cost several million pounds and, for the present, this idea had to be abandoned.

Nevertheless the Northern Region Department of Agriculture, experimenting with 70 acres of rice which yielded a sufficiently satisfactory harvest to justify extending the experiment. The Northern Region Production and Development Board (now the Development Corporation) agreed to finance the scheme and to provide the supervisory staff.

Project Replanned

Caterpillar D7 tractors and disc ploughs were introduced and, in November, 1949, some 2,250 acres were ploughed. Unfortunately, phenomenally heavy floods washed out many of the younger plants and only about 30 per cent of the crop was eventually harvested.

Since these floods were phenomenal it was hoped they would not be repeated, at least for many years, and the experiment continued. The following season ploughing was increased to 13,000 acres and, with good rains and normal floods, yielded 1,200 to 1,500 pounds of paddy per acre. With so favourable a year many more farmers were eager to join the scheme and in the third season acreage was again increased, to 25,000....

In 1953, some 26,000 acres were ploughed, but this time early rains and premature

floods submerged the young and immature shoots and destroyed most of the crop.

With three bad seasons' as against only one good one the project was halted and replanned. Also, after so many disappointments, farmers who had from the beginning been dubious of the experiment withdrew; indeed, some who had looked with superstitious awe on the introduction of mechanised ploughing actually attributed the vagaries of the weather to this novel method of cultivation and did their best to discredit it among their neighbours.

As the majority of the farmers who were still willing to continue lived within the Gwandu Emirate, the Native Authority there took over the scheme. The Northern Region Production and Development Board made an outright grant of the remaining financial assets, amounting to approximately £53,000, and further subsidised the scheme by providing the entire European supervisory staff.

More Detailed Development

Now that the acreage has been reduced and is less widely scattered, ploughing is more concentrated and more detailed development can be given to the scheme.

Bunds have been thrown up at strategic points to help to mitigate the flow and intensity of floodwaters over the lower-lying ground. Elsewhere channels have been dug to divert water into areas not normally flooded at the beginning of the rains.

It is estimated that 5,000 farmers will subscribe to a ploughing of nearly 10,000 acres this year.

The cost of mechanised ploughing to farmers is 35 shillings per acre and, in a good year, an acre will yield an average of at least 1,000 pounds of paddy. At the present market rate of £20 per ton, therefore, a farmer can make a gross profit of nearly 300 per cent. Few cultivate less than two acres, while one or two larger farms extend to more than 20, so profits can be considerable.

Looking Ahead

Since obviously it is uneconomic to plough small pockets of land, farmers are urged to pool their farms. Unfortunately many farms are distant from the general scheme and although an exchange of land has been offered to farmers they are loath to forsake their land fearing that should they at some later date want to retract from the scheme, they would not be allowed back on their old farms. If this problem could be solved and all land pooled to form one ploughing area costs would be considerably reduced.

The scheme does not—nor is it intended that it should—make large profits. It covers costs and tries to create a reserve.

By and large, the project, which must still be considered experimental, has not been unsuccessful. If it can become an established undertaking it should prove of great significance to that part of Northern Nigeria by providing increased acreage for the production of essential foodstuffs.



PRINCE CHARLES will be nine before the year is out. His education—the education of a future King of England and of the Commonwealth beyond the seas—is a matter of vital importance.

He has attended his Knightsbridge day-school—and enjoyed it.

But soon a decision must be made about his further education.

His father was at Salem School, in Germany, and later at Gordonstoun, its British branch in Scotland.

These schools had an enormous—in my opinion a decisive—influence on Prince Philip.

And it may be he will wish his son to have the same influences in play.

Influence

It is not an ordinary education. It is, as I have discovered from visits to Salem and Gordonstoun, a quite remarkable education. Behind the entire system is a German, now in his seventies. His name is Kurt Hahn. His system to produce leaders—founded in the despair of the German ruling class after the First World War—has had an immense success.

I believe it is an influence which has already spread its tentacles throughout the world.

It expresses itself through another branch school founded near Athens after the war at Anavryta, with the help of Queen Frederika, a relative of Prince Philip.

Her son, the Crown Prince of Greece, has been educated there.

It expresses itself through schools in Khartoum and West Africa where men trained in the Hahn method play an important part.

It expresses itself through the Outward Bound schools, where chosen young men and girls are sent on short character-building courses—both in Britain and Germany—in the Hahn tradition.

It expresses itself in the schools which are being planned

country that sweeps down to the shores of Lake Constance.

It is housed in a vast old Cistercian abbey which was taken over by the Margraves of Baden. The family still occupy part of it. But it was, Prince Max of Baden who gave Hahn the chance of trying out his educational methods here.

No Drink

TWO senior boys showed me round. One was Rudolf von Sandersleben. The other Alexander Goetz, whose family, of German extraction, are now Americans living in California.

At the end of the tour I came to the conclusion that there is something crazy about Salem.

It is difficult to say exactly why... perhaps it will be better if I just describe what I saw and what von Sandersleben and Goetz told me.

They get up at 6.15, put on their shorts—very short—grey shorts, shirt, pullover, and either sandals or shoes.

They go straight out and have a run round a field for 500 yards. They then have 10 minutes or so P.T. This is followed by cleaning up the rooms and a cold shower.

At 7.15 there is a breakfast of porridge and a roll... nothing to drink. That is part of the system.

Sport

THERE is then a short inter-denominational service. Kurt Hahn, as his whole thinking about education shows, was a Platonist more than anything else until the war. But since then Christianity has played a part in his life.

Classes follow from 7.45 to 10 a.m. There is then a break for bread and butter and something to drink—tea, milk, or orange-juice.

There are more classes, followed by work about the place—cleaning up the yards, giving coats, chopping wood.

Each term there are also expeditions in the area to increase initiative and self-reliance.

The organisation of the school is fascinating. "Everything is perfectly organised here," I was told.

The head of the school is called "the Guardian"—"the Guardians" were the ruling caste in Plato's ideal Republic.

He is appointed by "the Prince."

He is assisted by 12 "Helpers"—"the Auxiliaries" who helped Plato's Guardians.

Under them come the "Colour-Bearers" who wear a little stripe on their pullovers. They are a self-selecting body. The qualifications are for all-round qualities.

Under them come the "Colour-Bearers Candidates." That is an essentially German rank. In their army there were "Officer-Candidates."

The "Colour-Bearers," "Helpers," and "the Guardian" are each responsible for some activity or for a group of boys. Several times a term there is a parliament attended by "the Prince," where some matters can be discussed. All punishments go up on the board—"Johann von So-and-so, extra coal-carrying for not taking a shower."

Honour

OTHER punishments are a march to a village and back. The distance is graduated according to the crime.

Generally there is no check that the march has been made. "The system is," I was told, "that everything should be done out of 'Ehrlichkeit'—a 'sense of honour'."

The rooms of the boys—and the girls—are very simple. There are varying numbers to the rooms according to seniority. Each boy has a bed that folds back. There is a simple table and chairs.

This is the Salem system. It is a Spartan regime. The boys said they found it strenuous.

But, more important, I thought that all the boys and girls looked sturdy under their skins tanned by sun and wind. Salem has now spread around this German countryside there are subsidiary establishments in several houses. The boys and girls are mainly German... from the noble houses... from the rich industrialist families.

The Cost

BUT there is a strong admixture from abroad... it is part of the system that it should have an international flavour.

There are pupils from England and Scotland. There are Americans... and boys from Afghanistan, from Chile, and Colombia.

Often they are the children of Germans who have made money abroad.

The fees are "assessed" according to income. The rich pay more. The less rich less—although there is a sort of means test if you say you can't afford very much.

But the average cost is 4,000 marks a year... about £230-£340.

This is the system that I found slightly crazy.

This is the system based on Plato... "Our perfect Guardian must have the following characteristics: a philosophic disposition, high spirits, speed, and strength."

I am not so sure it would be a good thing, anyway, to produce a "perfect" Guardian class.

So I went from Southern Germany to Gordonstoun to see what was going on there.

TOMORROW:

The school that trained Prince Charles' father



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This Funny World



"Anyone want to hear me tell a story? Once upon a time a little kid was trying to get some sleep..."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, JULY 1

BORN today, you are one of those highly adaptable individuals who appear calm, efficient and patient even under the stress of serious crisis. Your personal ambitions will be achieved through slow and steady perseverance and you sincerely believe in the adage that "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again." For too unassuming and modest, you hesitate to push yourself forward, waiting to be asked rather than volunteering.

Since you have a keen insight and understanding of all humanity, you are able to help others who need assistance. You have a jolly sense of humour which makes you good company.

You women are outgoing, affectionate and demonstrative in showing your feelings. You will be happiest if you are not only to live alone and even try to like it! Attractive to those of the opposite sex, you

will probably have several romances. But once you have made your selection of a partner, you will devote your life to giving him happiness, joy and contentment.

You men are interested in the arts and sciences and will be most contented if you select a career from among the arts or professions. You probably will speak well in public and could lecture well. Medicine or teaching are two fields in which you would be highly successful.

Among those born on this date were: Sir Robert Ball, astronomer; Jean Baptiste Rambouillet, French poet; Gideon Welles, editor and statesman; Susan Gussell, author; Madge Evans, actress; and James E. Russell, educator.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Seek out new opportunities and press for an advance. You can secure just about what you want, if you go after it.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Make detailed plans for the future, for you will find that everything seems to work out in your favour now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If you are planning special activities, now is the time to make specific arrangements.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If there is shopping to be done, then get it done now. A busy day!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If your job happens to be selling on the road, this should be an excellent, productive day for you.

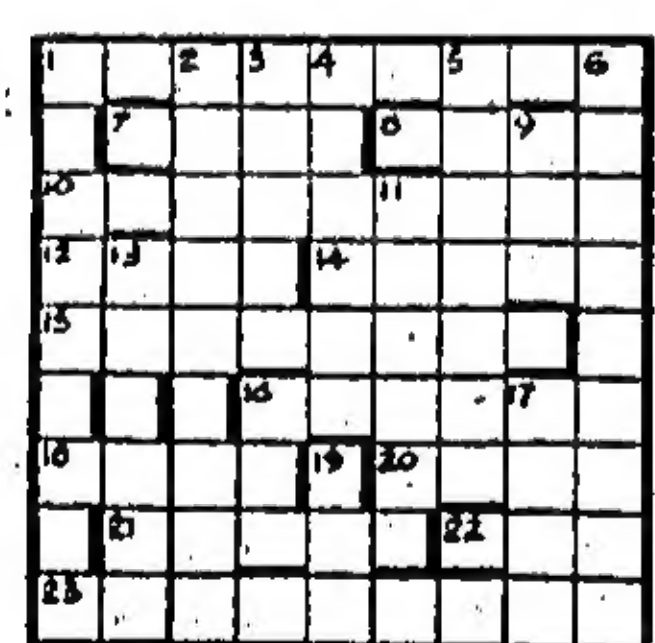
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—A crowded business day in which a great deal can be accomplished in a very short time. Keep busy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Combine personal and business affairs to advantage. If planning a trip, get your physical check-up today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Social gatherings are apt to be high-lighted just now. Also a good outlook for new business opportunities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Now is the time to clear up any unfinished work on your desk-top. Perhaps you can arrange for a long weekend.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Not too bright (3-6)
- Gold egg for a dance (4)
- Just the opposite to get from a brewer (4)
- Pena (5)
- Marked with a cross (5)
- Alcohol an American explosive (4)
- Olivia at the seaside without the saint (5)
- It's your standing (8)
- Drive camps (10)
- Lord of the Swan (4)
- Man of the potage (4)
- It's apt to show in Spain (5)
- Just the thing often lost (5)
- France (3)
- After the wine, a not in involved (9)

Down

- They may be used in changing names (3)
- It's necessary to be a bit of one if you're to and your way about easily (3, 6)
- Revolving (5)
- Confidence (7)
- The first part of the line always worn by the partner of the second (5)
- Girl in semibreve (3)
- It's yours no it's a secret (5)
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TARGET



HOW many

words of

more can

you make

from the

letters in

the target?

The letters

are: H, A, N, V, E, L, A, A, C.

Small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the target letter in the center square, and there must be at least one letter on each side.

No plurals or foreign words.

SOLUTION: HAN, V, E, L, A, A, C.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Extra Trick Greed Costly

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH looked over the dummy complacently. The game opening was most favourable and it was just a question of how many over-tricks he would make.

He played low from dummy and won East's eight with his nine. He continued by leading a low club to dummy's king and taking the diamond finesse.

West made what turned out later on to be a fantastically successful play. He let South's queen hold.

Declarer now played ace and jack of clubs, discarding a diamond and a heart from dummy. East won with the queen and led the deuce of spades. South went right up with the ace.

At this point he could count nine tricks off the top but he wanted ten. He led a heart to

NORTH			
♠	7 3	♥	10 6 4
♦	10 9 3	♣	8
EAST			
♠	8 2	♥	K J 9 7
♦	8 6 2	♣	Q 7 5 4
SOUTH (D)			
♠	A 10 9 4	♥	5
♦	A Q J	♣	A J 10 8
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 5			

dummy's ace and led and fished the diamond for the second time. It had worked once; it would surely work again.

This time West was ready with the king. He proceeded to cash his two high spades.

It was necessary to make a discard from dummy and South, who was now rather demoralized, let the remaining small heart go. Now West led a heart and it did not matter what was played from dummy. East made the last three tricks with the king, jack and nine of hearts.

South lost game, rubber and 300 points merely because he wanted to make one extra trick.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?

You, South, hold:
♠ A J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

What do you do?
A—Bid two no-trump. You have strength in both black suits and nine points in high cards.

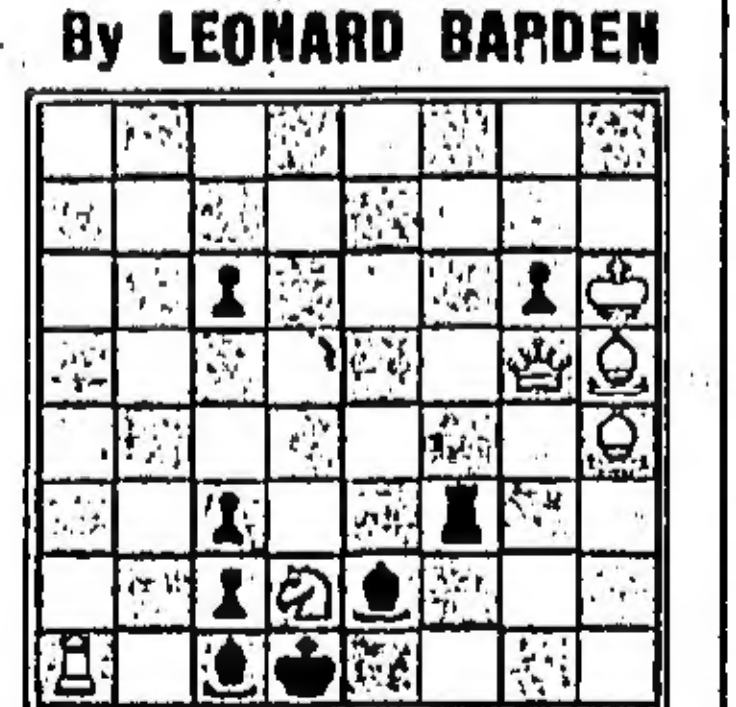
TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold the same hand. Your partner continues with a bid of three spades. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by C. W. Sheppard (Good Companions, 1919). White mates in two.

London Express Service

Household Hints

Since heat tends to evaporate perfume or cologne, keep these bottles away from direct sunlight.

Don't attempt to wash lined draperies without first removing the lining, which should be washed separately.

To check a fabric for colour-fading, dip a small portion in sudsy water and wring out. Then press the dampened area on a blotter or white cloth, either of which will be stained if the fabric runs.

What To Give To The New Arrival

A layette shower

By PATRICIA DOUGLAS

FAMILIES are smaller than they once were. One, two, or three children at the most is the size of the average family to be budgeted for today. And with the smaller family the fashion in layettes has changed.

When there were likely to be six or more children in the family a first baby was often provided with a layette consisting of twelve of each item. What he didn't wear, because he grew out of these small garments too quickly, were put away in folds of tissue paper in the old trunk in the attic for the next baby in the family.

Mothers of today with only small cupboard space, provide the minimum. They buy mostly the necessities, the plain, the baby's velling nightgown, the little wool vests and such like.

The American idea of a gift "shower" for a first baby is a charming one and a great help to mothers-to-be with an un-elastic budget which must cover not only her confinement but also the baby's needs.

The idea is catching on, particularly when the expectant mother is a career girl, and one of an office of other girls.

A close friend organizes a party to which each guest brings something for the expected baby, the hostess having sorted out the list of needs beforehand so that there is no unnecessary duplication.

Even without such a party it is often left to the new baby's grandparents, fond aunts and especially godmothers to give the more exciting items of the layette for the new arrival.

So it is the woman who is buying a gift, rather than a necessity, to whom the manufacturers of baby clothes appeal and sell. And as these women are so often of the older generation the styles tend to remain conservative.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Baron's Discovery

—He Thought He Saw Telegraph Poles Moving—

By MAX TRELL

THE Magic Telephone started ringing. Knarf and Handi, the shadowy men with the turned-about names, both ran to answer it. It stood on a tiny table behind the curtain. It had two mouth pieces and two receivers.

Knarf and Handi both picked up the Magic Telephone and said Hello at the same time.

They both heard Baron Munchausen's voice saying: "Hello, Handi! Hello, Knarf!"

Knarf and Handi looked at each other and smiled. They liked to hear from Baron Munchausen.

"I'd like you to come to my house right away," the Baron said. "I've got something very strange to show you."

Knarf and Handi squeezed themselves behind the bookcase and presently were on Book Street.

This is one of the most famous streets in the world. It runs behind every bookcase in every house that has one and is hundreds of miles long. All the books that everyone knows stand with their backs to Book Street. The books look like little houses in which Book-people such as Mother Goose, Shaloh, the Sailor, Jack, the Giant Killer, Little Bo Peep all live side by side.

Knarf and Handi, run down Book Street until they came to the very last house where the Baron lived.

Baron Munchausen was waiting at the front door. He looked like a long, thin, curved pipe out of his mouth and invited them to follow him into the garden.

"I'm glad you came," he said. "I want you to see this with your own eyes. Otherwise, I'm sure you would never believe me."

Baron Munchausen always told such wonderful stories. That very few of his friends ever believed him.

"But this one is true," he said.

Lofty Oak Tree

Against the lofty oak tree that grew by the stone wall at the back of the garden was a wooden ladder. Baron Munchausen led the way up to the top of the

ladder. Then he stepped out on to a little wooden look-out built among the leaves and branches. A telescope was mounted on a stand.

"Now," said the Baron, "as they all stood around the telescope, let me explain what you are going to see when you look through this telescope."

"You're going to see a line of telegraph poles," said the Baron. "Only they're very strange telegraph poles. You're going to see them walking around."

Handi looked through the telescope first.

Sure enough, she saw a line of telegraph poles. They were spotted yellow and black and they were moving!

Knarf looked through the telescope and saw exactly the same thing.

"I've never seen telegraph poles that moved!" he said.

Baron Munchausen nodded.

Meanwhile, Handi was taking a closer look. "Why they're not telegraph poles at all!" she exclaimed suddenly.

Baron Munchausen looked bewildered. Knarf looked astonished. Handi kept right on looking.

All at once, Handi saw that she was looking at a daddy long-legs, standing no more than two inches away from the end of the telescope. It was moving slowly around the edge of the leaf on its thin legs.

Through the telescope, which magnified everything, the thin legs of the daddy long-legs looked as tall as telegraph poles.

"But still," said Baron Munchausen, "they do look like moving telegraph poles. I'm glad you saw this with your own eyes!"

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WOMANSENSE



MINIMODE: Baby's sleeping-bag in pink wool fleece with a white yoke which can be made into a dressing-gown as the child grows. **FEEL, WATSON & CO.:** A baby's first dress, a warm, knitted in white wool with coloured buttons and bobble fastenings. **AGATHA DRESSES:** Fine nun's velling, still the best fabric for baby's dresses, makes this adorable little frock trimmed with frills plaited in pink. **FEEL, WATSON & CO.:** A back fastening maline coat with a frilled front edge solves some of the difficulties of dressing an infant. **MINIMODE:** A toddler's pram set in pale blue ribbed wool is trimmed with white braid fastenings; the hood is lined with white fleece. **GLOBE MERCANTILE:** A charming idea imported from the Continent—the little "heart-warmer" in brushed wool with a crocheted edging. **BAIRNSWEAT:** A knitted maline in classical, cardigan style with a rayon sleeve made gay with nursery motifs embroidered on the fronts.

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Vogue For Dual-purpose Furniture

Chicago.

TO those who think a lawn chair is some thing that lets the occupant sink to the ground quickly as he sits, or that it must be made of canvas and designed only to pinch fingers when closing:

Take heart. The international home furnishings market under way here this week indicates such backyard furniture, which stayed out of doors all summer and went to the basement for storage in the winter, may soon belong to the past.

Yard furniture which looks as good in the living room as it does by the back steps is the mode. Manufacturers said, this type of furniture is dominating the market.

ORIENTAL INFLUENCE

Surprisingly enough, this new indoor-outdoor furniture is almost all foreign inspired. The designs are centuries old—the kind of furniture they have been "lounging in" in Asia, Europe, the Orient for hundreds of years.

Futon, bamboo and other furniture embracing the oriental influence is by far the most widely shown in the casual line this season.

CRAIGENGOWER WERE LUCKY TO WIN FROM KDC

"Toucher" On Saturday's League Bowls

Certain of collecting at least four points from their unfinished match against Indian Recreation Club "Gold," Craigengower's First Division twelve came abreast of Kowloon Cricket Club and Indian Recreation Club "Blues" as League-leading Recreio's closest rivals when they narrowly outpointed Kowloon Dock Club by 3½ points to 1½ in last Saturday's rain-interrupted programme of League matches.

Although the Valley club title contenders have been more than successful in the matter of points garnered in these two matches they played during the week, their form and the standard of bowls they displayed was far from impressive.

Under a sky showing considerable improvement in their remaining matches, it would be quite a stretch of optimism for them to hope that they will be able to offer any strong challenge to the favourite Recreio team or even to Kowloon Cricket Club and Indian Recreation Club "Blues" in their future encounters.

BUT FOR A LAPSE

On the day's performance on Saturday, the Kowloon Dock twelve were the better team all round and, but for a sudden lapse in the last right hand of the game, they would have emerged winners by at least a 3-2 margin.

In the first six heads, they were all over their opponents in practically every department of the game—drawing, resting, driving and even wicking. The Dock four of W. McCall, R. Morrison, W. Davidson and R. Gourlay were then leading Craigengower's W. C. Young, G. G. Burns, G. Hong Choy and S. L. Leonard by 3-4.

A. Elliott's four enjoyed a 9-2 lead over C. R. Rossetti's four and W. Riley's quarter were also well in the lead at 7-2 at this stage over A. B. Coates and his men.

At the end of the 12th head, Elliott's four were well on the way to carry their team to at least a 3-2 win when they wicketed the lead to 16-5, while both Riley's and Gourlay's fours still retained narrow leads of 10-8 and 11-10.

Specially prominent among the Dock twelve up to this point were the two lanky brothers and skip Elliott in the rink, W. McCall, W. Davidson and R. Gourlay in the second rink and J. McKittie with his repeated wickets, W. McKay and W. Riley in the third rink.

For Craigengower, it is the three leads played a great part in preventing their opponents from piling up a bigger score and together with P. K. Lau at No. 2, G. Hong Choy and C. E. Ma at No. 3 and skip A. B. Coates were the only Craigengower bowlers playing anywhere near First Division form.

CHANGE OF FORTUNE

The 13th head saw the beginning of a dramatic change of form and fortune. The Craigengower leads began to convincingly outbow their opposite numbers and with Ogley and Barros beginning to put in some good woods, skips Rossetti and Stan Leonard showed improved form in the remaining heads.

From 5-18, Rossetti's four picked up 11 shots in six out of the remaining nine heads, but the biggest swing of fortune was seen in the match between Coates' and Riley's fours.

After drawing level at 11-11 on the 10th head, Coates' four went into a scoring spree throughout the remaining heads against some erratic bowling by

their opponents. A three, two four and two singles not only carried them to a 24-11 win but also made victory for Craigengower certain.

Leonard's four also struck a good spell at this critical period. After trailing behind 11-17 at the end of the 14th head, they shook up a two and four singles on the next six heads to lead by 17-12.

On the 20th head, Gourlay's four rallied back with a three as a result of a brilliant resting shot by Gourlay and on the last head just failed to snatch a ring win. Needing three to win, the Dock four were lying one shot when skip Gourlay went down to bowl. With his first delivery he trilled the jack a few inches to the two, Rossetti was narrow and was timbered by a front wood. Trying to draw a third shot, Gourlay was just a few inches through, and Rossetti went wide and heavy.

SPORTING GESTURE

Special mention must be made in connection with this match of the fine sporting gesture accorded to the Dock bowlers by the Valley club. Unable to contact their opponents before they left for the island and inform them of the unplayable condition of the green, the Valley club did their best to accommodate their guests after their arrival and succeeded in rendering the green playable after almost an hour's work of mopping and rolling.

The only other First Division match played on Saturday—that between Talkoo Club and Kowloon Bowling Green Club at Talkoo—though having no bearing on the destination of the Championship title turned out to be quite an important affair.

By registering an upset 5-0 win over Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the Talkoo bowlers allied to a great extent the danger of their being relegated to the Second Division next season, and made the fight for survival a three-way affair now, Indian Recreation Club "Gold" being the third team concerned.

With the Talkoo four of R. White, G. T. Graham, N. Fraser and W. Melrose playing heads-up bowls against KBGC's G. Jeffries, T. Gasson, L. Cosgrove and A. Eastman, and leading comfortably all the way for win by 24-15, Kowloon Bowling Green Club never had a chance of taking the overall decision in this match. They were, however, unfortunate in not being able to take at least two points from this game.

Their first being luck was when one of their bowlers, Eric Liddell had to carry on the game without a No. 2. Although they finished up with a 17-18 score in their favour against J. B. Baxter's four, they had to

concede the 25 per cent margin in shots to their opponents and lost by 15-16.

PHOTO FINISH

Although trailing all the way against W. B. Brown's Talkoo four, Alec Harvey and his men fought back grandly in the last four heads of the game. From 10-16 they drew level at 10-16 with two singles and a four, only to lose a single in the exciting photo finish.

The two Second Division matches proved to be struggles against relegation with no fewer than three teams involved. The Philippine Club "Red" lifted themselves one position higher to fifth place from the bottom with a creditable 4-1 upset win over Police Recreation Club, but the Philippine Club "Blues" though still in second place from the bottom, had their prospects further darkened by a defeat from Kowloon Dock Club.

The only Third Division match played was middle-placed Kowloon Bowling Green Club (match an unexpected 3-2 win from second-placed Hongkong Electric Club, mainly through the fine efforts of S. Strang's four whose 25-13 win over B. Paulsen's four carried the Bowling Green side through.

One consolation for the losers, however, was that L. Gibson managed to retain the lead in the skips' table when his four scored a 21-17 win over L. Parker's four. Officially the First Division should have completed its first round a week ago and the Second and Third Division last Saturday. The recent spells of rain, however, have made it necessary for a number of games to be postponed.

PRAISEWORTHY

So far the keenness shown by clubs in attempting to play off their outstanding matches on available days has been indeed praiseworthy and although there is still a backlog of 17 postponed matches—four Second and seven in the Third—the progress of the League has been excellent so far.

It will probably be difficult for clubs to find available days to play off their postponed games in the next two or three weeks with the championship matches in full swing, but once these have narrowed down to their concluding stages, the efforts of clubs to complete their outstanding engagements will help to make the 1957 season one of the most successful that the Association has ever had. That all the events have progressed so smoothly and rapidly has been largely due to the commendably efficient manner in which they have been handled this year by the Association's hard-working Hon. Secretary, Bob Hetherington, and his Management Committee.

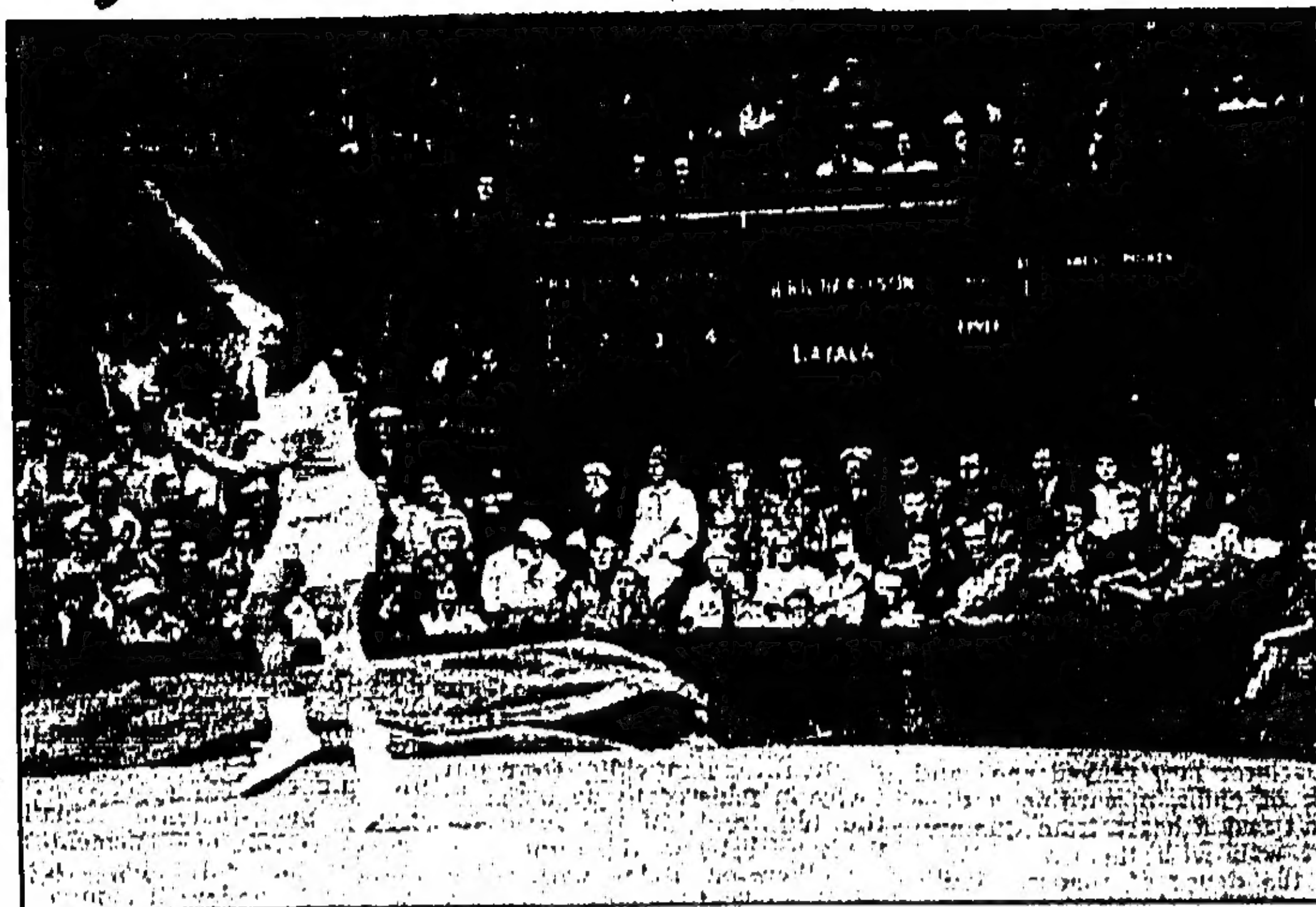
The Championships continue tomorrow with 14 second round matches in the Open Pairs event. Six more matches on Wednesday, four on Thursday and eight next Monday will complete the second round. Best of tomorrow's games will probably be that between J. Tang and J. Landolt of Kowloon Cricket Club and M. B. Hassan and O. R. Sadleir of Indian Recreation Club at Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

TOMORROW'S GAMES

The following are tomorrow's games with pairs who are expected to win mentioned first:

At FRC
A. P. Pereira and C. C. Pereira (RCC) v. R. Baas and A. E. Coates (CCC).
At HKCC
W. Baker and T. E. Baker (KCC) v. R. Yu and H. M. Brynn (FRC).
At IRC
N. Fraser and B. Douglas (TC) v. R. V. Howard and R. M. Hetherington (USRC).
P. Manson and F. W. Hollands (CCC) v. R. O. Hughes and C. Gough (FRC).
At KDC
A. J. Coelho and C. A. Coelho (FC) v. A. J. Bonyer and N. Hart Baker (USRC).

HER GREATEST WISH



Twenty-three-year-old polo victim Margaret Dixon of Fleetwood, Lancs was to be seen watching the Tournament at Wimbledon from her wheelchair. Margaret was brought to London specially to see the tournament, her greatest wish since contracting polio. Doctors believe that the granting of this wish should aid her recovery more than anything else. She is being taken from her iron lung for a short period each day—to watch the tournament—a special place has been reserved for her.

Photo shows Margaret Dixon in her wheelchair watching as Ham Richardson of the US makes a shot during his match with H. Ayala of Chile. —Keystone Photo.

Second Test Match —A Considerable Financial Setback To Many

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, June 30.

The speedy termination of the Second Test match between England and the West Indies at Lords while eminently satisfactory from a sporting point of view was a considerable financial setback to many.

It cost the West Indies money, for they lost their share of the gate on the two unplayed days. This has been estimated at something approaching £2,000. It cost the caterers whatever profit they might have made on the concluding two days.

It cost cricket fans from 15 shillings to 25 shillings each day for the tickets they had bought for the last two days.

Those who had the "hunch" to get tickets for the Monday and Tuesday must have rued the efforts they made to get tickets.

MCC are not in any way legally bound to return the cash for the tickets are sold on the understanding that play is in the offing, and the purchaser has to take the risk that the match will still be on.

On the other hand they make so much money out of Test matches (since the war it is estimated that Test profits in Britain alone amount to more than a million sterling), that there are those who feel they should have either refunded the cash, or perhaps given the would-be spectators play of some kind. One cricket writer suggested

that they might play an unofficial two-day match, or have an exhibition game of some kind with the captains drawing lots for players.

PLENTY OF CASH

Many feel that the ticket-holders might have been treated rather better, especially as MCC have plenty of cash in the kitty, and sections of the press have been critical. "It is not cricket" to hang on to the money, said one cricket writer, deploring the attitude of the governing body, and describing it as "disgraceful."

French Record In Javelin

Bordeaux, June 30. French javelin ace Michel Macquet broke his own French javelin record today when he hurled the spear 80.60 metres (264 feet 5 inches) at an international track and field meet here.

Macquet, who has bettered his personal javelin mark by 16 metres in three years, set the previous mark on May 8, 1956, with a heave of 79.01 metres. Macquet, who competes for the "Racing" Athletic Club, first broke the French record in October, 1954, with a mark of 64.60 metres and has held it since. He broke it for the ninth time today.

Macquet had been avoiding international competition since he was placed a disappointing seventh in the Olympic Games last November, but today's record may alter his decision. The world and European javelin mark, 85.71 metres, was set by Norway's Egil Danielsen at the Olympics in Melbourne. —France-Press.

It is estimated that the MCC took over £6,000 for the two days on which there was no play.

At the same time they must be given their due. They can say that the purchaser took the risk with his eyes open; that the money taken will be put to good account for the benefit of the game; that refunding the cash would have proved extremely difficult to organise and might have in the end cost them money in postage quite apart from the trouble and time; and that to provide alternatives to entertainment with another match of some kind between the players of both sides was not practicable, and that it would have been unfair to the players who were probably glad of the respite. —Reuter.

Olympic Champion Beaten

Berlin, June 30. Charles Jenkins, American holder of the Olympic title, was beaten into second place by Manfred Poerschke, of West Germany, in a 400 metres race here today. Poerschke won in 47.5 secs.—six-tenths of a second faster than Jenkins. —Reuter.

Year's Longest Heave

Athens, June 30. Soviet athlete Mikhail Krivosov turned in the year's best hammer throwing performance here today with a heave of 66.70 metres (218 feet 9½ inches). His countryman, Samoilov, hurled the hammer 63.70 metres in the same meet. —France-Press.

TOUR DE FRANCE

French Rider Retains Yellow Sweater As Overall Leader

Roubaix, June 30.

Sweltering heat took its toll again today on riders in the Tour of France cycling race. Twelve riders dropped out over the 232-kilometre fourth stage from Rouen to here.

Belgium's Marcel Janssens won the stage in 6 hours, 23 minutes and 34 seconds. Rene Privat in the French national team retained the yellow sweater as overall leader with a total time of 21 hours, 29 minutes and 9 seconds.

Of the 120 starters who left Mantes last Thursday, only 89 riders are left with 10 stages to go in the 24-day race over 4,063 kilometres, with only two rest days.

Wet hit the Luxembourg-mixed team, which has lost six of its 10 riders. The team is now composed only of foreign riders—two Portuguese, one German and Britain's Brian Robinson. All the Luxembourg riders, including its captain, Charly Gaul, have dropped out.

After several unsuccessful breakaways, Janssens and Guy Hocorhoke spurred out of Abbeville at the 95-kilometre mark.

The main pack broke up in an attempt to catch them up. Janssens went out alone as Hocorhoke dropped back into the pack. The Belgian increased his lead and finished an easy winner, a good four minutes ahead of Switzerland's Max Schellenberg, who led the leading pack. Tomorrow's fifth stage is over 170 kilometres from here to Charleroi, Belgium.

General individual classification.

1. Rene Privat (France) 21 hrs. 22 mins. 41 secs.
2. A. Christian (Austria) in Swiss team—21 hrs. 29 mins. 9 secs.
3. Nicolas Barone (Ile de France) 21 hrs. 29 mins. 9 secs.
4. Federico Bahamontes (Spain) 21 hrs. 29 mins. 25 secs.
5. Giancarlo Astrua (Italy) 21 hrs. 31 mins. 24 secs.
6. Jean Dotto (Southwest France) 21 hrs. 29 mins. 40 secs.
7. Roger Wlaskowiak (France) 21 hrs. 31 mins. 3 secs.
8. Marcel Janssens (Belgium) 21 hrs. 31 mins. 20 secs.
9. Gastone Menicini (Italy) 21 hrs. 31 mins. 57 secs.
10. Stanislas Bobet (Ile de France) 21 hrs. 31 mins. 59 secs.

Team Stage Placing

1. Belgium—19 hrs. 24 mins. 32 secs.
2. Holland—19 hrs. 31 mins. 13 secs.
3. France—19 hrs. 33 mins. 16 secs.
4. Southwest France and Ile de France, each with 10 hrs. 34 mins. 27 secs.
5. Glancario Austria (Italy) 34 mins. 57 secs.
7. Italy—19 hrs. 36 mins. 58 secs.
8. Switzerland—19 hrs. 37 mins. 9 secs.
9. France, Luxembourg (Mixed) and Spain, each with 19 hrs. 44 mins. 3 seconds.
12. Northeast Central France—19 hrs. 44 mins. 11 secs.

General Team Classification

1. France—64 hrs. 3 mins. 50 secs.
2. Switzerland—64 hrs. 28 mins. 44 secs.
3. Italy—64 hrs. 28 mins. 15 secs.
4. Ile de France—64 hrs. 30 mins. 28 secs.
5. Holland—64 hrs. 39 mins. 57 secs.
6. Southwest France—64 hrs. 44 mins. 24 secs.
7. Belgium—64 hrs. 48 mins. 23 secs.
8. Spain—64 hrs. 52 mins. 34 secs.
34. West France—64 hrs. 53 mins. 30 secs.

West German Clocks Fastest 200 Metres

Cologne, June 30. Manfred Gernar, of West Germany, clocked 20.8 secs in the 200 metres here today—fastest time for the event in Europe this year. Gernar, competing for Middle Rhine Province against Antwerp Province, also won the 100 metres in 10.5 secs. —Reuter.

10. Southwest France—64 hrs. 57 mins. 9 secs.
11. Northeast Central France—64 hrs. 57 mins. 32 secs.
12. Luxembourg—65 hrs. 45 mins. 30 secs.—France-Press.

Lester Piggott Wins His Fourth Classic Race

Hamburg, June 30. Lester Piggott, 21-year-old British jockey, won his fourth classic race this year when he rode Orsini to victory in the West German Derby here today.

Piggott's jockeyship triumphed in a tight finish. Furlong out in the mile and a half race Orsini, Windfang and Utrillo were racing together, but Piggott edged his mount ahead and won by a neck from Windfang, with Utrillo a similar distance away third of the 17 runners.

Orsini, owned by Gestue Erlenhof, one of Germany's leading stables, started second favourite and paid 31 marks for a ten-mark win stake. Windfang (Gestue Ravensberg) was favourite. Utrillo (Gestue Rootgen) won the Austrian Derby recently. Piggott's three previous classic victories this year were in the Newmarket 2,000 Guineas and Epsom Derby and Oaks. —Reuter.

GRAND PRIX DE PARIS

Altipan Wins Europe's Richest Race

Paris, June 30. Altipan, owned by French textile magnate M. Gerard Delloy, outstayed twelve rivals to win the £20,000 Grand Prix de Paris, Europe's richest race for three-year-olds, at Longchamp today.

Ridden by Roger Palmece, he finished the one mile seven furlongs race a length ahead of his nearest rival M. Victor Lyon's Guards' Tie. Third, a neck further behind, was Mangle North, owned jointly by Prince Aly Khan, in whose colour he raced, and Mrs William Head. —Reuter.

Russians May Play At Next Wimbledon

Brighton, June 30. A party of Russian lawn tennis players who are attending Wimbledon as observers played on grass for the first time when they visited here today. The verdict of a Russian official was "Grass is very good. There are no grass courts in the Soviet Union. If enough progress is made in the next twelve months we may be represented at Wimbledon." —Reuter.

WORLD CUP

Mexico City, June 30. Mexico defeated Canada 3-0 after leading 1-0 at half-time, here today in their first match in the North American elimination round for the World Football Cup. —France-Press.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Recreio	6	5	1	21½
KDC	8	4	4	20½
IRC "Blue"	7	4	3	20
KCC	7	5	2	20
CCC	6	3	3	18
TC	8	7	5	18
KBGC	7	2	5	12½
IRC "Gold"	5	2	3	8½

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
CCC	7	7	0	30
KCC	7	5	2	23
Recreio	7	5	2	21½
IRC	7	4	4	21½
USRC	7	4	4	19
FC "Red"	6	4	3	19
KDC	9	3	6	19
HKFC	8	3	5	17½
FC "Blue"	8	3	5	13
HKCC	7	1	6	11½

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Recreio	8	8	0	34
HKERC	8	6	2	31
Stanley	9	4	1	22
HKFSA	9	4	1	22
KBGC	7	4	3	19
IRC	7	3	4	14½
KCC	7	3	4	13½
IRC	7	3	4	13
HKCC	5	1	4	9½

One drawn game.

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CAMSHAFT HARDENING MACHINE

Great Flexibility And Ease Of Operation

Specially made for the Austin Motor Company, Ltd., Longbridge, Birmingham, for shipment to Australia is a new camshaft hardening machine made by Birlec, Ltd., Tyburn Road, Erdington, Birmingham, 24, England.

It hardens by induction heating and is designed to harden the wearing surfaces of journals, cam eccentrics and gear to a depth of 0.05 inch and to through-harden the teeth of the gear.

It has an output of 25 pieces an hour and is characterised by great flexibility and ease of operation, as it is intended for use by an unskilled operator, performing the whole hardening process in one series of operations.

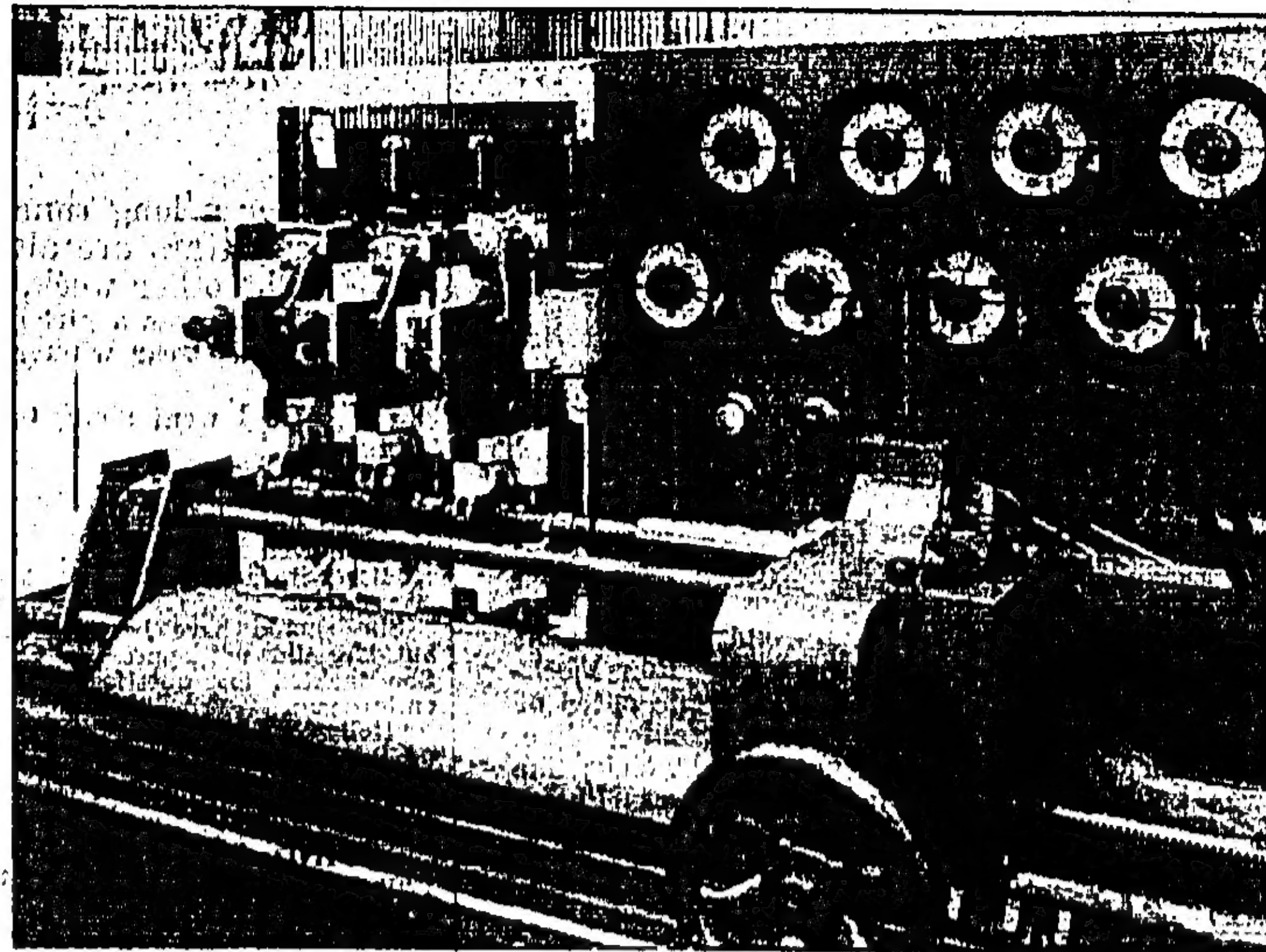
The machine is a horizontal, three-station, single-shot heater with manual loading, unloading and indexing, and automatically controlled heating and quenching. Each camshaft, supported horizontally on a stout work carriage is moved along a track through successive heating operations on the gear, journals and cam respectively.

The camshaft is accurately located in each position to ensure correct engagement with the appropriate inductor. The three inductors, arranged at suitable positions along the carriage track, each consist of a pair of movable members held one above and one below the work centre line, which are closed on the work after it has been moved into position. They are formed with internal water passages that communi-

cate with the inductor bore by means of numerous carefully arranged apertures through which the water is directed on to the heated workpiece for quenching.

As the cam inductor is shaped to the cam profile, the work is automatically rotated about its axis during indexing to bring each cam in turn into alignment with the inductor. Longitudinal movement and rotary indexing of the camshaft is regulated by a hand wheel on the front of the machine. The carriage is moved against stops that are withdrawn by a trigger operated by pressure on the hand wheel to enable it to be moved to subsequent positions.

The appropriate process timer and inductor mechanism are automatically selected by the longitudinal position of the workpiece. The equipment is contained in rigid casing of heavy gauge steel plate, arranged to stand on a level floor and incorporating a rear compartment for electrical equipment and a sump for collection of quench water. The machine is intended for the Austin factory in Australia and will harden 1,000 camshafts per week for the Austin "B" series engine.



This machine, which is for the Australian works of the Austin company, will harden the journals and cams to a specified depth and the gear teeth will be through-hardened. It is intended for use by an unskilled operator and performs the whole hardening process in one series of operations.

TANKER GETS NEW CARGO TANK SECTION

A new cargo tank section complete with main pumprooms and midship deckhouse was launched at the Belfast Shipyard of Harland and Wolff recently for fitting to the 16,000-ton oil tanker *Eso* Glasgow, built in the United States in 1944.

The new section was to be floated into dry dock and connected to the original forward and after sections of the tanker, the old cargo tank section having

already been cut away in dry-dock and floated out.

The tanker is of the usual design, with machinery aft, poop, bridge and forecastle decks connected by fore and aft gangways, boat deck aft and upper bridge and navigating bridge amidships. She has a raked stem, cruiser stern, two masts and a single oval shaped funnel.

The new accommodation will be fitted out to the latest Ministry of Transport requirements and a feature of this accommodation is the use of fire-resistant bulk-heads to reduce the risk of fire. The

existing after accommodation will also be modified to meet the latest requirements. Further precautions against fire include the fitting of aluminium alloy gratings on the fore and aft gangway instead of wood, and fibre glass insulation.

Each deck and engine room officer and petty officer on the vessel will be accommodated in a single cabin with a private toilet. A mechanical heating and ventilation system with automatic temperature control, also an air filter unit are being installed in the new accommodation.

LATEST PULSE TESTER

A millimicrosecond pulse test set which was shown at the Physical Society Exhibition in London recently has been designed to test passive and active networks by pulse technique and comprises an adjustable pulse source, a display oscillograph and power units.

A free-running blocking oscillator and shaping circuits generate pulses variable up to approximately 250 volts peak amplitude and of substantially 'sin 2' shape adjustable in width to 5, 20 or 50 millimicroseconds. The oscillograph provides also the saw-tooth voltage for the oscillograph time-base so that the transmitter pulse is always presented at the start of the cathode-ray traverse and automatically locked.

If a passive network, such as a cable (which may vary in length from 18 in. up to approximately 200 yards), is connected to the pulse source then, mismatched, reflections of the transmitter pulse will appear on the traverses as echoes.

From the characteristics of the echoes, a large amount of information about such a cable is obtained. For instance, a discontinuity, with its position and magnitude, is readily exposed. The cable impedance and its electrical length are measured and its losses and phase response determined.

The technique can be applied to both transmission and delay cables and, if both ends of the line are available, then it is sometimes more desirable to examine the characteristics of the transmitted pulse as seen at the far end of the network. Such a method would be adopted in the assessment of the behaviour of wide-band amplifiers particularly of the 'distributed' type. [Cosser Instruments Ltd., Cosser House, Highbury Grove, London, N.5.]

A-PLANT CONTROL SYSTEM

In the field of nuclear energy, a number of establishments are examining the computer for the study of control systems for atomic reactors and complicated mathematical problems encountered in atomic energy development. One computer is in fact already employed in the design of power switching systems for nuclear power plant and of large alternators.

Another computer is used to investigate the characteristics of small, high-speed DC motors, and applications have also arisen in the study of non-linear effects in electric motors, the stability of servos employing multi-stage relay amplifiers with transformer feedback, and the influence of a regulator on the dynamic performance of a generator in the presence of non-linearities.

Other current uses include the study of economic problems to determine the effect of changes in bank rate and capital investment control, and there are also marked possibilities in the adaptation of the computer to control the operation of various types of machine tools.

To meet orders already placed and to provide for the considerable demand foreseen by the widespread interest which the computer has aroused, the makers have established a carefully planned assembly line for manufacture of this highly specialised product. [Short Brothers & Harland Ltd., Belfast.]

PAINT MIXING GAUGE

A Birmingham firm of paint manufacturers have devised a paint mixing gauge which will enable amateurs to produce any one of 300 colour shades from 19 basic colours.

The gauge has been produced primarily for garages where repainting is often held up for lack of a particular shade nominated by the customer. With the gauge to colour cards, the formulations for mixing the colours and containers in which to mix them.

The firm has compiled a basic list which consists of the gauge, formulations and cans, together with a supply of basic colours.

The mixing gauge is basically a sliding strip actuated by a control knob working in unison with the needle against a dial incorporating three scales.

To mix a given colour, the gauge needle is set at the appropriate reading and a basic colour poured into the can until the level reaches the bottom edge of the sliding strip. The needle is then re-set according to formulae and the next basic colour added until the level reaches the bottom edge of the strip. After the colours, thinners are added and the ingredients mixed to give the required shade. [Docker Brothers Ltd., Rotton Park Street, Birmingham, 10, England.]

Sequence Timing Recorder

This instrument has been developed to record the sequence of events in a gun-loading mechanism. It is designed to be portable and to plug into switching circuits as required.

A strip of Teletypes Recording Paper 3 1/2 in. wide and 11 ft. long is pulled under 21 recording stylus at speeds of 4, 10 or 20 in./sec. through gearing by a governed motor. 15 of the recording stylus are connected to gun switch circuits and the remaining six to timing relays outside operated by the driving motor to provide 10 and 100 millisecond reference marks. At the highest speed a time discriminator, which gives 2.5 millisecond resolution, is also used. [LPS.]

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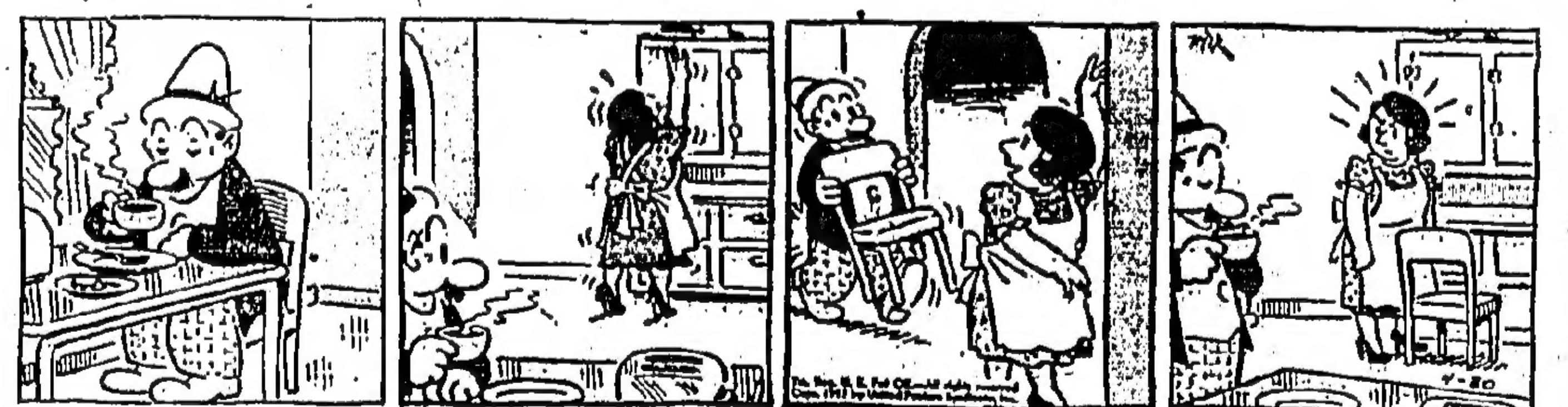
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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS
Today the public counters at the Victoria, Sheungwan (New Office), Kowloon Central & Shamshui Post Offices are opened from 8 a.m. to Noon and Wanchai from 10 a.m. to Noon only. All other Post Offices are closed.

There is only one general delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 a.m. and one collection from all pillar boxes.

GENERAL HOLIDAY
MONDAY, JULY 1
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Philippines, 1 p.m.
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Korea, 6 p.m.
By Surface

Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 2
By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Kowloon, Hankow, Hsinchow, 7 a.m.
Laos, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
Cambodia, 9 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
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Australia, New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 3 p.m.
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Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
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Hawaii, U.S.A., 8 p.m.
Formosa, 9 p.m.

TWO IDEAS FOR THE PHOTO COMPETITION



ADD 20 YEARS TO YOUR LIFE

Tunbridge Wells.
Put your body in a "pressure cooker" and your brain in partial deep freeze and add 20 years to your life, a British doctor has recommended.

The Reynolds News reported that Dr. Eric St. John, Lyburn, has devised a system for prolonging life and has recommended its use in Britain's specialized medicine clinics.

Dr. Lyburn's system involves subjecting the body to intense heat while keeping a cool head. According to the Reynolds News, a patient is placed in what the physiologist calls his "pressure cooker." The body is steamed at 142 degrees. The patient's head is enclosed in another compartment, separated from the sweat box by a collar of ice. The temperature in the head compartment is kept at a cold 17 degrees.

Dr. Lyburn's reports that 20 minutes of the hot-and-cold treatment sweats out as much body poisons as an extra kidney could handle in that time.

Many Treated

Because "it is the ageing kidneys that really kill us," Dr. Lyburn said, his system adds from 10 to 20 years to man's life.

The 52-year-old, Dublin-born doctor said 17,500 persons have received his treatment during the past five years and scores of universities, hospitals, clinics both sides of the Iron Curtain, have asked for descriptions of the system.

Dr. Lyburn contends, however, that the British medical profession is "afraid of something new."—United Press.

SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES NOW

THESE two pictures give you some idea of the shots that light up a picture editor's eyes—the kind of shots you can submit in the China Mail prize photo competition, details of which were announced on Saturday.

The picture on the right would come into the news category. It is not a terribly dramatic picture, but it has ACTION. It graphically illustrates a downpour and the effect it has on people. The picture also shows INITIATIVE on the part of the cameraman.

It was taken by China Mail photographer Ng Sui-ling who was returning from an assignment in the rain. Waiting to cross the road he saw this scene, raised his camera, adjusted it—and fired. And this was the result.

The picture has already been published in the China Mail.

The picture on the left is one of those "quaint shots" we mentioned on Saturday. This picture was not taken in Hongkong, but it is the kind that could be taken anywhere.

It comes into the "human interest category." Look at the faces of the children—see how the expressions differ. And to give you some idea of how to caption your entries, here is how the Daily Express captioned this photo.

"Mary had a little lamb? Mary has a little lamb, it should be—that is, if you go to school in East Kilbride, Scotland. For the children of Nerston Residential School have been given a three-week-old lamb by Mr. John Smith, who hails from Shetland. The lamb's name? Why Snowy, of course!"

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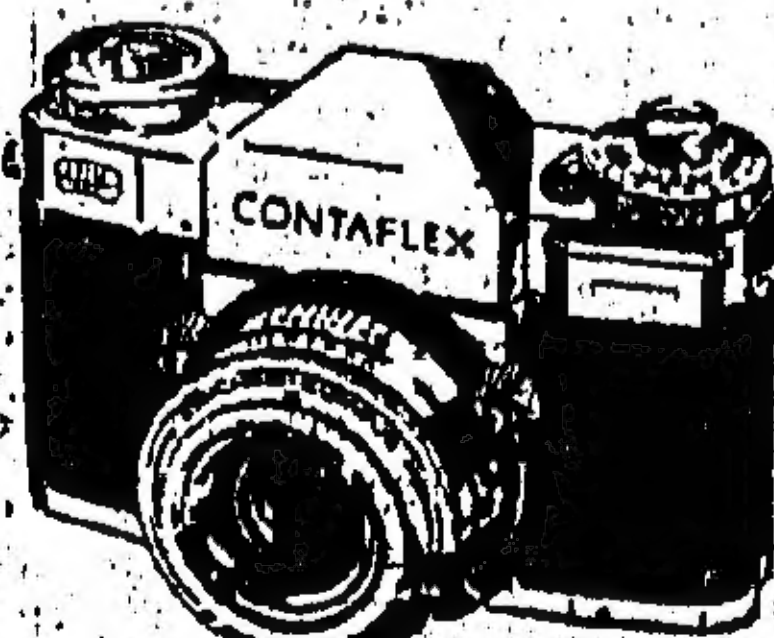
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cheongsams Again

Sir,—I read Terminus A Quo's letter which appeared in your issue of the 20th and I must say that his comments and criticisms are not doing justice to the Western style of attire.

Admittedly the cheongsam is the most suitable fashion for Chinese women, but with greatest respect to your correspondent, not all Chinese women are as elegant and graceful as he thinks. I have seen numerous stout Chinese women, others with shapeless legs and there are still others who seemed as if they were wearing high-heeled shoes for the first time and consequently are unable to walk with a graceful gait.

Although I give ample room for exceptions, yet I am led to believe that your correspondent is rather biased in drawing his conclusions that "the average English and American woman is faddish and inelegant," because this is not the case. English and American women are definitely not so small-framed as their Chinese counterparts, but they are just as slim and elegant.

For the information of your correspondent, the Western style of attire does not always suit the Chinese women. They are obviously too careless to notice the defects, such as lop-sided skirts, slugs longer than the dresses, etc., and to top it all, their fondness for blinding colours is, to say the least, horrible! But I am loath to say that this does not apply to all of them—there are, as usual, exceptions.

Under the circumstances, I also hope that the Chinese women will stick to their cheongsam for good.

FAIR PLAY.

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

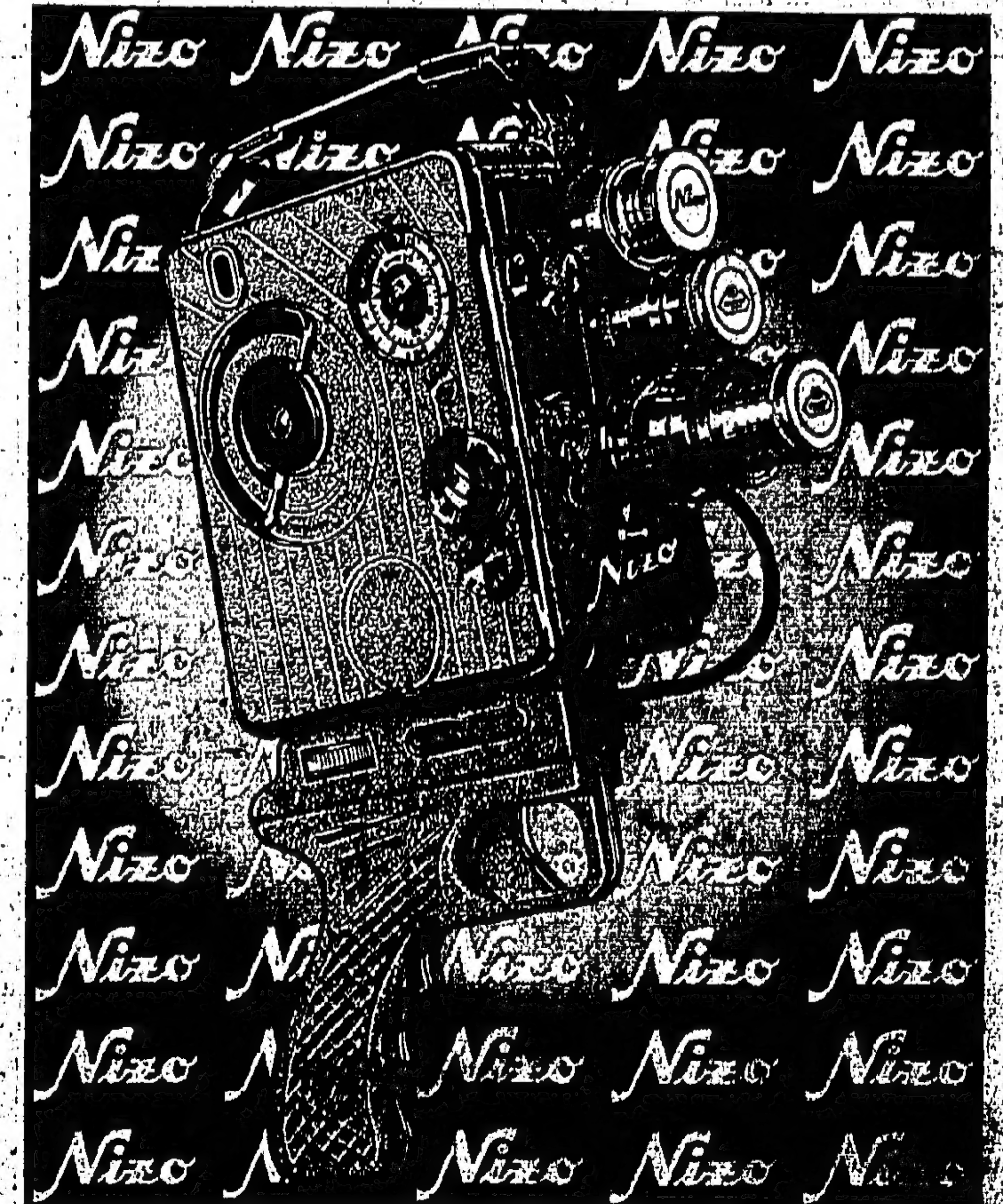
HOOVER and LIBERTY: "Hot Summer Night": In a quiet town in the Ozarks a newspaperman gets a hot story while his new bride simmers. Leslie Nielsen, Colleen Miller, James Best.

KING'S and PRINCESS: "The Rainmaker": The sphinx and the charlatan work together to create a miracle. Katherine Hepburn, Burt Lancaster, Wendell Corey.

METROPOLITAN and STAR: "The Gold Rush": An early Charles Chaplin picture made in the days when he was known as "Charlie".

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Beyond Tomorrow": Jungle adventure involving a search for a uranium mine. Cornel Wilde, Donna Reed, Lee Remick.

ROXY and BROADWAY: "Screaming Eagles": An American airborne infantry division's action on D-Day. Tom Tryon, Alvy Moore, Jan Merlin.



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